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RE Application number 360943
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Decision letter date 03/20/04
Date appeal postmarked 08/22/03

CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear sirs,

Our request for discounted funding for year 2003 was denied because our letter of certification was mailed approximately four days after the deadline, February 6, 2003. (Letter of denial, dated March 20, 2003) The assistant that prepared these documents was unaware of the certification deadline and thought the deadline of the electronic filing of form 471 was to be followed with the letter of certification as soon as possible.

As stated in the last paragraph of your appeals process we would appreciate the use of these funds to alleviate our budget crisis and provide us with relief for this small oversight.

"In general, the SLD reviews appeals on a first-come, first-served basis. Based on an ongoing analysis of the success rate of past appeals, the SLD reserves funds to cover those appeals that may be granted."

It seems evident that we filed our form 471 on time and the small inadvertent error of the late certification deadline letter should not deny us our funding.

The filing assistant, contact person, was told by a person, John, at the USAC approximately one week after our letter of funding denial that a review would take place and applications would be reviewed in order of filing date deadline tardiness. In June of that year a decision was made to not allow payment of funds to out of deadline applications as funds had been allocated. Our decision to file this appeal is based on that date in June.

Sincerely

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